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REMARKS

Applicants have canceled Claims 14-17 without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter contained therein. Applicants maintain that the cancellation of a claim makes no admission as to its patentability and reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claim in this or any other patent application.

Claims 6-8 and 11-13 are presented for examination. Applicants thank the Examiner for review of the instant application.

Objection Under 37 CFR §§1.821-1.825

The PTO states that the application fails to comply with the sequence listing requirements because the application does not contain a paper copy of the sequence listing. In Applicants' Response file September 26, 2006, Applicants submitted a paper copy of the sequence listing as requested. Further to this request, Applicants submit a Statement verifying that the paper copy of the sequence listing submitted September 26, 2006 is the same as the electronic sequence listing originally filed. In view of this submission, Applicants respectfully request removal of this objection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully maintain that claims are patentable and request that they be passed to issue. Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if any remaining issues may be resolved by telephone.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410

Respectfully submitted,

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